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SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2007.

While no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any fees (including any Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of October 9, 2007, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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